GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned export of onion to control the price rising;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(e) the details of loss of Foreign Exchange incurred?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) No, sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) & (d) The desirability of a ban on export of onion in the wake of rising prices was assessed by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in the year 2005. The course of action did not find favour as exports were already lower in the year while supply of the commodity was not likely to be adversely affected inspite of adverse weather conditions.

(e) Does not arise.